



# CERTIFIED VETERINARY ACUPUNCTURIST (CVA) PROGRAM in ITALY with up to 178 HOURS



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ELECTRO-ACUPUNCTURE



MOXIBUSTION



AQUA-ACUPUNCTURE

32 Hours Hands-on Acupoint Lab + 12 Hours On-site Tutoring and Real Case Demos  
Up to 134 Hours Online Lectures and Lab Demos  
Complimentary 32-hour Evidence-based Veterinary Acupuncture Course

## LEARN FROM WORLD-RENOWNED EDUCATORS AND PRACTITIONERS IN VETERINARY ACUPUNCTURE

Learn from instructors with over 75 years combined experience practicing and teaching veterinary acupuncture and traditional Chinese veterinary medicine (TCVM), including world-renowned speakers Drs. Huisheng Xie, President and Founder of Chi University, and Silvia De Lucchi, Director of Chi Italy.

## THE BENEFITS OF HANDS-ON EXPERIENCE PLUS THE CONVENIENCE OF ONLINE LEARNING

Chi's hybrid learning system incorporates hands-on experience through small on-site acupoint labs, real acupuncture case demos, and case presentations. In Chi's state-of-the-art online learning portal, knowledge is gained through virtual lectures and demos you can stream at your convenience.

## JOIN THE CHI FAMILY, GET LIFE-LONG SUPPORT

More than 10,000 veterinarians from over 75 countries have completed courses at Chi since its founding in 1998. This community of (TCVM) practitioners share knowledge and support at the annual international conference and through Chi's online forums. All Chi graduates receive free lifetime case consultation from Chi faculty.



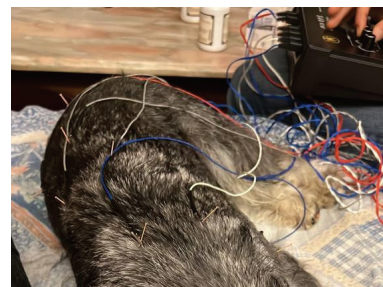
LEARN FROM THE MASTER OF VETERINARY ACUPUNCTURE



1:6 INSTRUCTOR TO STUDENT RATIO IN HANDS-ON LABS



ONE MORE OPTION TO PROVIDE YOUR PATIENTS BETTER CARE



ELIGIBLE FOR FUTURE MASTER'S DEGREE CREDIT



## LEARN FROM THE BEST

Chi's faculty is comprised of world-renowned veterinary acupuncturists and educators who actively treat patients using the same modalities they teach. Learn more about your CVA instructors and register to become a Certified Veterinary Acupuncturist at [chiu.edu/courses/ACUP102\\_ITA\\_EN](http://chiu.edu/courses/ACUP102_ITA_EN).

### Huisheng Xie DVM, PhD

Founder and President of Chi University



Dr. Xie has 41 years clinical, teaching and research experience in veterinary acupuncture and TCVM. He has trained over 10,000 veterinarians to practice TCVM worldwide. Dr. Xie's education includes advanced training in veterinary medicine, veterinary acupuncture, and human acupuncture. Dr. Xie has authored 20 books and over 100 peer-reviewed papers. His textbooks, including *Xie's Veterinary Herbology*, *Xie's Veterinary Acupuncture*, and *Traditional Chinese Veterinary Medicine-Fundamental Principles* have been used for TCVM training programs around the world. Dr. Xie continues to teach and develop educational courses and programs at Chi University, serves as a full clinical professor at University of Florida's College of Veterinary Medicine, and is an honorary professor at China Agricultural University, South China Agricultural University and China Southwest University.

### Lorena LLoret Nadal DVM, CVA, CVBMA, CVFT, CVCH, CVTP

Director of Chi Europe



Dr. LLoret received her DVM from Murcia University in Spain in June 2002. In 2005, she earned her veterinary acupuncture certification from the Chi Institute (now Chi University) and the University of Chiang Mai in Thailand, where she met Dr. Xie. In 2006, she completed the University of Florida Acupuncture Internship program with Dr. Xie. In December 2014, Dr. LLoret became the chief of the TCVM Service of the veterinary teaching hospital of the University Alfonso X in Madrid, Spain, where she offers TCVM clinical service for small animals and horses, as well as offering TCVM as a complementary treatment to veterinary clinics throughout Madrid. Dr. LLoret is the translator and editor-in-chief of the Spanish edition of *TCVM: Fundamental Principles* by Dr. Xie. She is the director of Chi Europe in Madrid, Spain, where she is also one of the primary instructors.

### Roger Clemmons DVM, PhD, CVFT, DACVIM (Neurology and Neurosurgery), CVA



Dr. Clemmons received his DVM from Washington State University, as well as a PhD in veterinary science (emphasis in neurophysiology and clinical neurology). Dr. Clemmons then took a faculty position at University of Florida's College of Veterinary Medicine where he practiced neurology and neurosurgery for 35 years. He earned certifications from Chi in acupuncture (2000) and food therapy (2009). A board-certified specialist in Neurology, Dr. Clemmons has published over 100 peer-reviewed papers and has presented in the US and abroad on neurology and the science of veterinary acupuncture. He has worked on platelet physiology and the study of neurodegenerative diseases such as degenerative myelopathy, as well as developed a number of innovative neurosurgical techniques including fixation of atlantoaxial subluxation and Wobbler's syndrome.

### Silvia De Lucchi DVM, CVA, CVBMA

Director of Chi Italy



Dr. Silvia De Lucchi graduated with a Doctorate of Veterinary Medicine from Parma University in Italy, in 2006. After graduation she practiced small animal medicine with a focus on internal medicine and surgery. Also interested in physiotherapy, she attended the Certified Program in Canine Physical Rehabilitation (CCRP) from the University of Tennessee in 2012. Dr. De Lucchi obtained her Acupuncture Certification at Chi Europe in 2013. She continued her education and training in traditional Chinese veterinary medicine (TCVM) by completing courses in herbal medicine, *Tui-na* therapeutic veterinary massage, Japanese acupuncture, and balance method acupuncture. She established her own practice where she treats primarily small animals, horses and cattle, integrating acupuncture, moxibustion, physiotherapy, herbal medicine, and food therapy in her clinical approach.



## CVA PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The course begins with an overview of fundamental aspects of Chinese Medicine, including *Yin-Yang* and Five Elements theory, which serve as a foundation for case diagnoses and treatment presented later in the class. A variety of acupuncture techniques are taught, including electro-acupuncture, aqua-acupuncture, moxibustion, etc. in addition to conventional "dry" needling. Three track options are available: small animal, equine and mixed practice (which includes both small animals and horses). In acupoint labs, students learn acupuncture points on dogs or both dogs and horses depending on the selected track.

The course is presented in 2 online sessions and 3 hybrid sessions. Each hybrid session includes two portions: online & on-site. Online portions are comprised of lectures and case demos that students can stream at their own convenience. On-site portions give students the opportunity to learn acupuncture points on live animals in small acupoint lab groups of four to six students per instructor.

LEARN MORE & REGISTER! [chiu.edu/courses/ACUP102\\_ITA\\_EN](http://chiu.edu/courses/ACUP102_ITA_EN)



Chi's hands-on acupoint labs and low student-to-instructor ratio ensure you gain the confidence to start practicing acupuncture after the first on-site session.

**Class is limited to 20 students for an intensive & intimate learning experience**

### Session 1 - Online

Up to 24 Online Lectures

Program Introduction  
History of Veterinary Acupuncture  
What is Acupuncture  
Veterinary Acupuncture: Scientific Basis  
*Yin-Yang*  
Eight Principles  
Five Elements  
*Zang-Fu* Physiology  
Channels and Meridians  
General Rules of Acupuncture  
Indications for Veterinary Acupuncture  
How to Start Your Acupuncture Practice: Cookbook  
How to Integrate Acupuncture into Your Practice  
Anatomy for Acupuncturists

### Session 2 - On-site Portion

#### DAY 1

AM	Acupoint Lab
	Lunch
PM	Acupoint Lab

#### DAY 2

AM	Acupoint Lab
	Lunch
PM	Tutoring / Lecture Review Real Case Demo Q&A

### Session 2 - Online Portion

Up to 25 Online Lectures

Five Elements and *Zang-Fu* Physiology  
Five-*Shu* Transporting Points  
Other Special Points (Source Points, Back-*Shu* and Front-*Mu* Points, Influential Points) and TCVM Diagnosis Intro

#### SMALL ANIMAL SPECIFIC TOPICS

How to Treat *Bi / Wei* Syndromes, Osteoarthritis and IVDD  
How to Treat Gastrointestinal Disorders  
How to Treat Respiratory Disorders

#### SMALL ANIMAL DEMOS

How to Treat Canine Diseases  
Canine Acupuncture Cases

#### EQUINE SPECIFIC TOPICS

Acupuncture Needling Techniques for Horses  
Treating Equine Musculoskeletal Issues with TCVM

#### EQUINE DEMO

Equine Lab Case

### Session 3 - Online

Up to 32 Online Lectures

Five Treasures: *Qi*, Blood, *Shen*, *Jing*, Body Fluid Physiology and Pathology  
TCVM Diagnosis  
Eight Extraordinary Channels  
Etiology and Pathology  
How to Select Acupoints

#### SMALL ANIMAL SPECIFIC TOPICS

How to Make a TCVM Diagnosis (Dry Lab)  
Acupuncture for Neurological Disorders  
How to Approach Clinical Cases  
How to Improve Acupuncture Results  
Small Animal Cases: TCVM Approach

#### EQUINE SPECIFIC TOPICS

Equine Acupuncture Techniques  
Acupuncture for Equine Lameness  
Equine Special Conditions  
How to Approach Clinical Cases  
How to Improve Acupuncture Results  
Dry Lab: Lameness & Internal Medicine Studies

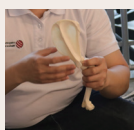
### Session 4 - Online Portion

Up to 31 Online Lectures

Treating Renal Failure, Heart Failure, and Behavioral Problems

Herbal Medicine & Food Therapy Intros

## TUITION INCLUDES:



Complimentary 'Evidence-based Veterinary Acupuncture' Online Course including 32 AAVSB RACE approved CEs (€900 Value)



1 Year World Association of Traditional Chinese Veterinary Medicine Membership and Benefits (€85 Value). This program is accredited by the WATCVM



Complimentary Canine / Equine Acupuncture Charts and Client FAQ Brochures (up to €160 Value)



This course is taught in English.

ON-SITE PORTION LOCATION:  
Gavera del Montello, Italy



#### SMALL ANIMAL SPECIFIC TOPICS

How to Treat Skin Problems  
Acupuncture for the Liver and Cancer  
Feline, Avian, and Exotic Animal Acupuncture  
Case Studies from Students

#### EQUINE SPECIFIC TOPICS

How to Treat GI Disorders, Respiratory Problems, *Bi & Wei* Syndrome, Cushing's Disease, and other Endocrine Disorders  
Acupuncture for Sports Medicine  
Understanding Herbal Medicine + How to Start Your Herbal Practice  
Acupuncture for Liver and Skin Diseases

Acupuncture for Immune-Mediated Diseases  
Physiology and Pathology of the Liver, Lung, Spleen, Heart, and Kidney  
TCVM Overview  
How to Sell TCVM

#### SMALL ANIMAL SPECIFIC TOPICS

Clinical Applications of TCVM  
Introduction to *Tui-na*

#### EQUINE SPECIFIC TOPICS

*Tui-na* Application in the Horse  
Introduction to Equine Food Therapy  
TCVM and Equine Reproduction Disorders  
Acupuncture for Bovine, Caprines, and Camelids

#### Session 5 - On-site Portion

##### DAY 1

AM Acupoint Lab

Lunch

PM Acupoint Lab

##### DAY 2

AM Tutoring / Lecture Review

Lunch

PM Clinical Acupoint Exam

##### DAY 3

AM Written Exam

PM Graduation Lunch Party

#### Session 4 - On-site Portion

##### DAY 1

AM Acupoint Lab

Lunch

PM Acupoint Lab

##### DAY 2

AM Acupoint Lab

Lunch

PM Tutoring / Lecture Review

Real Case Demo

Q&A

#### Session 5 - Online Portion Up to 19 Online Lectures

Acupuncture for Endocrine Disorder

#### 2025 ITALY CVA SCHEDULE & TUITION

SESSION	LOCATION	DATES	SMALL ANIMAL	EQUINE	MIXED PRACTICE
1	ONLINE	JAN 1 - FEB 28, 2025	€1,000	€1,000	€1,050
2	ONLINE	MAR 1 - MAY 18, 2025	€1,400	€1,400	€1,450
	ON-SITE	MAY 17 - 18, 2025			
3	ONLINE	MAY 19 - JUL 20, 2025	€900	€900	€950
4	ONLINE	JUL 21 - SEP 21, 2025	€1,400	€1,400	€1,450
	ON-SITE	SEP 6 - 7, 2025			
5	ONLINE	SEP 22 - DEC 14, 2025	€1,500	€1,500	€1,550
	ON-SITE	DEC 12 - 14, 2025			

For information regarding on-site accommodations, please contact Dr. Silvia De Lucchi at [italy@chiu.edu](mailto:italy@chiu.edu).

Tuition is due 30 days prior to the 1st day of each session.

A €200 non-refundable course deposit is charged upon enrollment to reserve your seat.

Session 1 tuition includes €100 application fee.

\*Free class handout PDFs that can be printed at home are available through the online student portal.

**REGISTER EARLY & SAVE €500!**

Register by 1 December 2024 & receive €500 tuition discount (€100 off per session).



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Chi University's Main Academic Building in Reddick, FL, USA

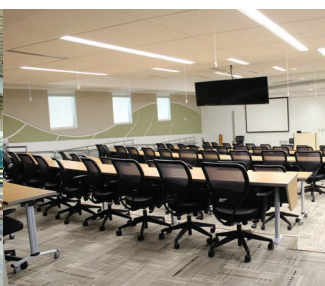
## CHI UNIVERSITY: THE WORLD'S LEADING POST-GRADUATE EDUCATION CENTER FOR TRADITIONAL CHINESE & INTEGRATIVE VETERINARY MEDICINE

Chi University (previously the Chi Institute) was established by Dr. Huisheng Xie in 1998. It is dedicated to providing the highest quality AAVSB RACE-approved\* continuing education courses and academic programs in veterinary acupuncture, Traditional Chinese Veterinary Medicine (TCVM) and Integrative Veterinary Medicine (IVM) exclusively to veterinarians and veterinary students.

Chi University offers the only licensed and accredited Master's Degree Program in TCVM in the U.S. This comprehensive program provides in-depth knowledge of the fundamental principles of TCVM, acupuncture points and techniques, Chinese herbal materia medica and formulations, food therapy, and *Tui-na* (Chinese medical manipulation) as well as the only Master's Degree Programs in IVM in the World. Chi University has been accredited by the Distance Education Accrediting Commission (DEAC) that is recognized by the

US Department of Education and Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA) since 2019.

With a state-of-the-art 90-acre main campus in Reddick, Florida USA, and international courses based in Australia, China, Costa Rica, Peru, Romania, Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia, South Africa, South Korea, Spain, Taiwan, Thailand and the United Kingdom, Chi University has proudly graduated more than 9,000 veterinarians from over 75 countries and regions. **Learn more & register at [chiu.edu](http://chiu.edu).**



\*American Association of Veterinary State Boards (AAVSB) Registry of Approved Continuing Education (RACE).